

**Patricia "Patty" Alexander**  
March 25, 1958 - Oct 21, 1978

Sunday, October 22, 1978

# 'Bubbly' student leader killed

A Walla Walla Community College student and student body officer known by faculty and friends for her energy and enthusiasm died early Saturday in an automobile accident near Richland.

Patricia "Patty" Alexander, 20, of 247 W. Chestnut St., was one of four persons killed in a two-car, head-on collision at 2 a.m. on U.S. Highway 240, according to Washington State Patrol officers.

Miss Alexander's passenger, Nolin Stratton, 24, of 1903 Melrose St., was the sole survivor of the crash. He is listed in satisfactory condition in Kadlec Hospital, Richland, with a fractured jaw and multiple fractures, according to a hospital spokesman.

Washington State Patrol reported that Miss Alexander's car was westbound on Highway 240, about three miles west of Richland, when it struck a car driven by Michael L. Wilson of Pasco. Wilson, 28, and his passengers, Dale Wilson, 25, and Judy Wilson, 26, of Burbank, were pronounced dead at the scene, as was Miss Alexander.

Patrolmen said they didn't know what caused the two cars to collide.

Miss Alexander had lived in Walla Walla for three years and was a third-year nursing student at WWCC. She had been elected executive vice-president of the student body for the 1978-79 school year. She was on her way to a statewide meeting for community college officers when the accident occurred.

Nursing instructor Pat Minnich described her as "a bubbly type of student." He said he thought she had completed requirements for her



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Licensed Practical Nursing certificate and that she was taking some additional coursework this year.

WWCC journalism instructor Jim Hutcheson praised her spirit. "I've never seen such a buzz saw of energy," he said Saturday, after hearing of her death.

Funeral services will be in Sonora, Calif., where Miss Alexander had lived before moving to Walla Walla. Tervich and Wilson Funeral Home is handling the arrangements and a spokesman said the funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Mt. Shadows Cemetery.

Miss Alexander was born in Korea on March 25, 1958. She was orphaned as an infant and adopted by Robert and Marjorie Alexander of Sonora. She attended schools in the Sonora area.

Miss Alexander's mother lives in Jamestown, near Sonora, and her father died several years ago.



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## Patricia Ann "Patty" Alexander

BIRTH	25 Mar 1958
DEATH	Oct 1978 (aged 20)
BURIAL	Mountain Shadow Cemetery Sonora, Tuolumne County, California, USA <a href="#">Show Map</a>
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